

DAVENPORT CATCHES IT.

DRAW NET ELECTION METHODS.
Mighty Little He Cares About That If He
and Deuel Can Go on Robbing the Follis
Every Two Years as Long as They Live.
The United States Grand Jury administered
a stinging rebuke yesterday to John I. Daven-
port and his man Deuel. The Grand Jury have
been for several days considering the com-
plaints of citizens against the two men.

outcome of all of the outrageous arrests made at the instance of Davenport on the eve of the last general election. Dovel proved a ready and willing witness for the prosecution. Dovel, sitting as a United States Commissioner, in holding men on Hines' evidence to answer on the day after election, so as to prevent them from voting, has been the basis of formal charges against him to the Judges of the United States Circuit Court.

After all the costly lies made by Davenport, and Dovel, and the "five thousand warrants," only twelve complaints were submitted to the Grand Jury. In nine of these cases the evidence was so utterly insufficient that the complaints were dismissed. In three of the complaints indictments were found. In three cases it is said, would have been dismissed had it not been for some supplementary

"The Grand Jury, in the examination of the election cases, have been hindered in the discharge of their duties by the lack of evidence presented to them. Arrests, when made upon probable cause, are followed by the removal of the witnesses by the gathering in of conflicting testimony, and cases are sent before the Grand Jury upon very insufficient grounds, and the efficacy of the law is thereby destroyed, while citizens

several weeks, before the Grand Jury liberate them from prison.

"The Grand Jury, therefore, present to your honorable Court the necessity of providing for more careful gathering of sufficient evidence of false registration or improper voting, as the case may be, and that such testimony be transmitted to the prosecuting attorneys of the law for review, if they are unable to enforce its enactments."

"NATHAN LITTAUER, Foreman.

"BENJAMIN B. BARNETT, Clerk."

Judge Benedict thanked the Grand Jury for the presentment, and discharged them for the term.

BRITON'S MEN DISCOMFITED.

Do We Want an Irresponsible Volunteer

Am brose H. Purdy appeared in Essex Market Police Court yesterday for Julius and Augusta Whittaker, against whom a man named Churchley and two other "agents" of Briton's volunteer police department had brought charges of keeping a disorderly house at 10 Canal street. Mr. Purdy, while cross-examining Churchley said:

"They are hunting up a false charge against innocent people to obtain money."

He then asked a witness about a certain Mr. Martin. The witness denied having asked Martin to get him some money in a disorderly house he had been in the habit of visiting, from Robert A. Gunn, the President of the society.

The next witness, he refused to say when he had the money to pay the agents of his society.

"You depend on donations, I suppose?" he then asked.

"Yes," was the answer.

have given such donations," said Lawrence Purdy.

"It's the man's none of your business," was the reply.

Justice Duffy dismissed the case on the ground of insufficient evidence.

The Upper Hudson Closed.

RONDBOUT, Dec. 9.—Navigation on the upper Hudson was brought to a close to-day with the departure of the last tow of the season. There were twenty-two laden barges, schooners, and boats in the low bound for New York.

Two new towboats, the *John A. Jones* and the old "Joe King" Norwich, battled with the ice in making a passage for the tow. It was a narrow channel, the ice blockades from above to five inches in thickness.

Last night, as the steamer *Amosita* of Buffalo was on her way to New York to go to the winter quarters, she became wedged in heavy ice near the Edison lighthouse, and her propeller answered her whistle for assistance.

Stormy Weather at Sea.

More storm-battered craft got in yesterday. The steamship Cape Breton from Sydney had her bows stove, her wheelhouse smashed, and her grates carried away, and the Persian Monarch, from London, lost twenty feet of her main rail and her ventilator. On Nov. 30, mid-ocean, the Persian Monarch passed the top of a vessel about 100 miles lower than this ship. She was hove to for twelve hours in cyclone on that day. A sailor on the Italian ship, the A. J. Rossi, at Sydney said he was tossed by the sea, and, running up into the rigging, he leaped overboard.

The Weather.

A slight storm was central yesterday north of the lake region, moving westward. It was lower than the storm of Nov. 27, and was less severe. The storm was moving north, and the southwest

The high pressure area which was stationary in the West had moved southeast. It was disintegrating in the Gulf and losing its usefulness as a fair weather producing agent. The stormy area in the south Atlantic States had been displaced by fair weather. It was still active in the southwest, the central valley, the Atlantic and Gulf States. A few showers or showers were scattered over the north and some occurred in Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana. The mercury was at 30° at 8 a.m. from the lake region westward the temperature rose 2° or more. The highest thermometer temperature in this city was 34°, lowest, 30°, low humidity, 60 per cent, with a gentle, variable wind.

A day of rain will be followed by warmer. Thursday rainy with stationary Perry's.

The thermometer at Perry's pharmacy in Tan building recorded the temperature yesterday as follows:

	TEMP.	HUMID.	WIND	DIRECTION
7 a.m.	30°	60%	S.W.	Light
9 a.m.	32°	60%	S.W.	Light
11 a.m.	34°	60%	S.W.	Light
1 p.m.	34°	60%	S.W.	Light
3 p.m.	34°	60%	S.W.	Light
5 p.m.	34°	60%	S.W.	Light
7 p.m.	34°	60%	S.W.	Light
9 p.m.	34°	60%	S.W.	Light
11 p.m.	34°	60%	S.W.	Light

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